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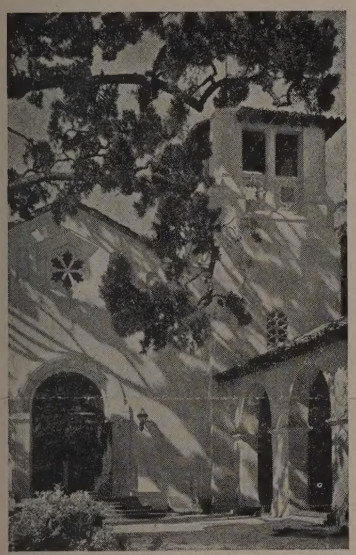


The Congregational Church of San Mateo, where the Conference holds its annual meeting.

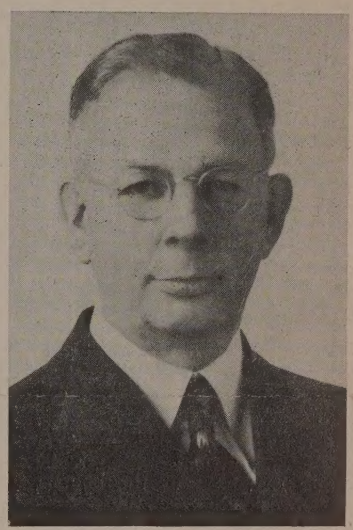
Our Christian World Mission

The eleven district rallies for "Our Christian World Mission" were well attended, and it is hoped that the results will be gratifying when the Every Member Canvasses are held in local churches of the Conference this autumn. Between September 15 and October 3, teams of speakers held meetings in the following places: Fresno, Stockton, Sacramento, Petaluma, San Francisco, Oakland, Martinez, San Mateo, Eureka, Weaverville, and Alturas. The following traveling team members took part in the program of visitation: Miss Helen Kenyon of New York, Miss Florence C. Malcolm of Africa, Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Mrs. Scott Haymond, Rev. Ralph V. Conard, Rev. William W. Meyer, and Rev. Sidney H. Buckham. Local leaders in the various areas made splendid contributions to the program.

The final success of Our Christian World Mission campaign in this Conference depends upon the follow-up in the local churches. Each pastor is expected to see that the Every Member Canvass workers in his church are given special instruction in the presentation of "Our Christian World Mission" when they go out to get the pledges for 1949. The area chairmen of the districts where rallies were held are responsible for the churches which were assigned to them, and they must make sure that every church knows its quota for 1949, and tries to meet it.

Books, pamphlets, pictographs, film strips, and motion pictures are available at the Conference office for promotional work in the local church. Reservations for visual aids should be made immediately through Rev. William W. Meyer, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4.

Remember — the 1949 quota for "Our Christian World Mission" in the Northern California Congregational Conference is $162,000. Let's get to work on this today, and do our share along with the other Congregational and Christian Churches of America.



SUPT. HARLEY H. GILL

Dr. Gill returns soon from his leave of absence and will be one of the principal speakers at the annual meeting of the Conference in San Mateo.

Highlights At San Mateo

Moderator Peirce Coombes will let the gavel fall at 2 p.m. on Friday, October 22, signaling the opening of the 92nd annual meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference at San Mateo. This will mark the beginning of a program that is full of inspiration, education, and pleasant surprises. The headline speakers at San Mateo will be Dr. Truman Douglass, Rev. Galen R. Weaver, President Ronald Bridges, Dr. Vere V. Loper, Prof. Harry Rathbun, Rev. James Gordon Gilkey, Jr., Supt. Nelson C. Dreier, and Supt. Harley H. Gill. Printed programs have been mailed to all the churches, and the schedule will show when these men will speak.

The Conference is fortunate in being invited to gather in the attractive Spanish-style church at San Mateo, with its patios, gardens, and spacious rooms. The people there have "spruced up" their building and paved a parking space next to the church for this occasion. Special committees have been at work preparing to handle every detail of accommodations, meals, and general arrangements, under the direction of the host pastor, Rev. Benton S. Goskell. You will be well taken care of at San Mateo, and you will enjoy meeting in the lovely sanctuary with its fine chancel and beamed ceiling.

The "Cavalcade of Congregationalism" will be repeated this year, on the opening day, with snappy five-minute reports on the entire program of our Conference. Two new features of the 1948 program will be the outdoor pageant, "The Call of the Pioneers," based on the Centennial theme, on Saturday evening, and the Laymen's Forum (for men and women) on Sunday afternoon on the subject "The Layman's Commitment." Leaders for this gathering will be John G. Neukom of San Mateo, Mrs. James H. Price of Oakland, Ralph H. Anderson of Hayward, and Ralph G. Cole of San Jose. The forum will follow the address of President Ronald Bridges, entitled, "A Report from Amsterdam," which will be a highlight of the Conference.

The chaplain will be Rev. Richard C. Norberg of Hayward, and the Conference sermon will be preached by Rev. Robert W. Inglis of Oakland at the 11 o'clock service on Sunday, October 24.

Please send in your registrations immediately to the Conference office, cards for which are in the hands of every local pastor.

MISSION RALLIES

Missionary rallies will be held at the First Congregational Church, Berkeley, Tuesday, November 16, at 8 p.m., and Wednesday, November 17, morning and afternoon, at First Church, San Francisco. Leaders from the American Board will be Dr. B. P. Hivale of India, Rev. Alfred Heininger of China, and Mr. John R. Reuling of Boston; from the Board of Home Missions, Miss Ruth Morton of New York, Rev. Henry Rust of Boston, and Supt. Everett Babcock of Ohio. These Congregational conferences will be the prelude to a great interdenominational missionary mass meeting in San Francisco on the evening of November 17 at the municipal Opera House. A similar interdenominational gathering will be held in Fresno on November 11-12. Further information on these meetings will be sent directly to the churches.

MRS. LAURA B. CLARK

Mrs. Laura B. Clark, consecrated and active member of the South Berkeley Church, passed away on September 29. Mrs. Clark will be greatly missed not only in her local church but among all the churches of our Conference.

MODESTO BEGINS

The first meeting of the Sponsoring Committee of the new Congregational Church in Modesto was held on September 8 in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Elmo D. Wolfe on the church property. The "parsonage" is a stucco ranchhouse in a three-acre vineyard at the corner of Orangeburg and College Avenues in North Modesto. Adjacent to this church site the Tully School will begin construction this autumn, and new subdivisions are opening up in all directions from this important intersection.

The first action of the Sponsoring Committee was to name the new institution: "The College Avenue Congregational Church." The financial backing of the new project by the state Conference and the national Board was then explained by Mr. Buckham. Rev. Elmo Wolfe outlined his immediate plans for developing the work, and there followed a general discussion about program, buildings, publicity, and general promotion.

Monthly meetings of the Sponsoring Committee will be held until the church is strong enough to go ahead on its own initiative. The committee is representative of the neighboring Congregational churches, the state Conference, and the local Modesto people. The members are: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hughes, Rev. and Mrs. Lester Johnson, Rev. Alvin Hilgeman, and Dr. Hoyt Gant of Modesto, Rev. Clayton Gill of Tulare, Rev. Noel Breed of Stockton, Mr. Ray Carlson of Salida, Rev. Robert Inglis of Oakland, Mr. C. R. Van Buskirk of Lodi, and the Conference staff members. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, director of extension work, was elected chairman for the remainder of 1948; Mrs. Lester Johnson, secretary; and Mr. Robert Hughes, treasurer.

SIERRA-ARDEN BREAKS GROUND FOR BUILDING

At a special outdoor service on their three acres of land in the eastern area of Sacramento, the members of the Sierra-Arden Church celebrated the breaking of ground for the first unit of their building on Sunday, September 26. Rev. Mary McKee Chester conducted the impressive services, flanked by a robed choir, on the platform that had been built for the occasion. Greetings from the American Board of Foreign Missions was brought to the church by Florence C. Malcolm of Chilesso, Africa. Tribute was paid to the lay leadership of the new enterprise by Rev. Joseph Chester, and the sermon was preached by Rev. Sidney H. Buckham of the Conference staff. Among the special visitors at the celebration were Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Vernon White of Berkeley and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Kientz of Stockton.

The new building will be used for worship, Sunday School, and social gatherings. Activities of the church are now being carried on in seven different homes in the Sierra-Arden district. The project began three years ago this month, and the church has prospered under the leadership of Rev. Mary Chester. The work has been sponsored jointly by the Church Building Society, Church Extension Division and the Northern California Congregational Conference. Much hard work has been done by the men and women of the church, and the new building will be constructed partly by volunteer labor of the members. This is the first "high potential" project in Northern California, and it will be a pattern for others that will follow.

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OCEAN VIEW

One hundred twenty people gathered in the newly renovated social hall of the Ocean View Church in San Francisco on September 10 to celebrate the 59th anniversary of that institution. Dinner was served by the ladies of the church, and Rev. Sidney Buckham of the conference staff presided over the festivities that followed, at the request of the pastor, Rev. Joseph Bennett. There was music by the choir, followed by short speeches by Dr. Hughbert Landram of the San Francisco Council of Churches, Rev. Burton M. Palmer, Mr. Warren Griffith, Mr. Lesley R. Jackson, and Dr .Frank E. Carlson. The main address of the evening was given by Prof. Hugh Vernon White of the Pacific School of Religion.

The Ocean View Church, located on Broad Street near Plymouth Way, has made remarkable progress during the past year under the able leadership of Mr. Bennett. From a handful of people in the summer of 1947, attedance at the morning worship services has increased to fill the sanctuary. The Church Building Society has purchsed a new site for the church, one-half mile west of the present location, at the corner of Randolph and Ramsell Streets. Attractive plans for a colonial-type building have been drawn up by Scott Haymond, and a building campaign for the new project will be launched on November 7. This new location will be within walking distance of the Merced Park Metropolitan Housing Development, and adjacent to a new shopping area known as Merced Heights. This is one of our most promising church extension projects, and we will watch its progress with keen interest as it grows into a strong fellowship.

CAZADERO REPORT

The final report on full-time registration of the summer conferences at Cazadero is as follows:

Central Area, June 12-19 — 95
Student Camp, June 19-26 — 30
East Bay, June 26-July 3 — 79
Redwood-Upper Bay, July 3-10—42
West Bay, July 10-17 — 37
Junior Camp, July 17-24 — 63
Family Camp No. 1, July 24-31—37
Family Camp No. 2, July 31-August 6 — 56
Family Camp No. 3, August 7-14 — 24
Junior Hi, No. 1, August 14-21—51
Junior Hi, No. 2, August 21-28—67
State P. F., August 28-September 4 — 124
Young Adults, September 4-6 — 72
Total — 776

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	App't Jan. 11 to Sept. 30, 1947	App't Jan. 11 to Sept. 30, 1948	C.W.V.R. 1948
Adin	$ 20.75		
Alameda, First	1125.62	979.54	245.63
Alturas	113.91	142.07	19.00
Angels Camp	190.00	100.00	74.90
Antioch	81.29	163.83	20.00
Auburn	166.45	208.75	73.75
Benicia	105.00	52.00	
Berkeley, Arlington	55.64	61.94	73.53
" Chinese	3.22		
" First	6911.63	6749.94	3598.47
" North	608.90	709.65	362.30
" Northbrae	454.73		
" South	356.45	307.53	195.81
Campbell	200.00	565.36	60.00
Cedarville	67.50	44.75	
Cloverdale	57.93	129.75	
Cotati	77.50	53.75	25.90
Crockett	82.80	72.17	
Dinuba		.66	
Elk Grove	28.13	14.25	14.25
Etna	35.38	17.64	64.47
Eureka	561.82	496.66	419.85
Fairfax	5.05	59.60	40.00
Ferndale	230.90	197.41	264.86
Fresno, First	715.00	1050.00	965.10
" Japanese	25.00	25.00	85.00
" Pilgrim Armenian	20.13	500.00	
" Zion	42.46	41.14	
Glen Ellen	65.00	90.00	15.40
Guerneville	27.12	25.00	62.75
Hayward	150.00	100.00	320.00
Kenwood	64.31	25.63	10.00
Likely	15.00		
Lodi, Ebenezer	41.80		114.00
" First	2525.98	1952.00	286.01
Loleta		7.00	
Loomis	100.00	200.00	2.50
Martinez	379.60	733.86	324.57
Murphys	122.68	100.00	25.00
Niles	50.00	50.00	23.65
Oakland, First	4952.97	3960.00	1126.99
" Fruitvale	15.00	72.40	
" Japanese	30.00	80.00	24.24
" New Pilgrim	77.74	76.00	76.00
" Plymouth	1094.55	1113.25	744.80
Orinda	577.10	461.35	230.67
Oroville	532.57	790.87	223.83
Pacific Grove	169.10	175.00	
Palo Alto	1630.29	1034.00	1075.25
Paradise	407.00	500.00	94.71
Parlier	10.00	20.00	
Penngrove	48.28	34.13	
Pescadero	45.00	10.00	
Petaluma	600.00	410.00	185.00
Pittsburg	193.82	198.82	55.15
Port Chicago	25.00	117.19	5.40
Porterville	565.80	1400.00	400.00
Redwood City	1070.81	1006.54	227.73
Reedley	15.00	15.00	
Rio Vista	85.00	50.00	
Ripon	173.69	210.70	20.82
Sacramento, Pioneer	1182.50	690.00	1800.00
" Sierra Arden	113.00	51.48	1.00
Salida	77.50	60.10	
San Carlos	355.00	500.00	182.50
San Francisco,			
" Beth. Mission Park	125.52	175.75	52.00
" Calvary	30.00		
" First	396.89	279.65	31.37
" Ocean View	160.00	100.00	49.00
" Park Presidio	218.37	272.21	
Sanger	11.04		71.71
San Jose	840.00	977.00	420.00
San Leandro	97.93	82.67	95.00
San Mateo	330.00	1000.00	1822.67
San Rafael	66.00	10.00	
Santa Cruz	795.00	264.00	150.00
Santa Rosa	78.95	78.00	
Saratoga	205.55	378.91	129.53
Sebastopol	131.41	271.49	168.47
Sonoma	169.46	111.38	12.21
Soquel	216.57	158.10	
Stockton	814.58	804.66	417.08
Suisun	68.48	75.00	80.00
Sunnyvale	34.66	57.43	10.00
Tulare	440.28	1144.00	
Weaverville	150.00	50.00	100.00
Woodside	11.50	11.50	51.69
Reno	616.25	684.85	45.00
Miscellaneous	2567.86	2080.03	492.07
Totals	$38,507.70	$38,130.34	$18,457.69

Town And Country

A national convocation on "The Church in Town and Country" will be held at the Civic Auditorium in San Jose, November 9-11. All ministers and laymen interested in this subject are invited to attend, both men and women. The meetings are sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches and the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches. There will be general assemblies, special commission meetings, seminars, and panels. For further information write to Dr. Abbott Book, 220 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

PFers processing fruit at Hughson.

REPORT ON FOREIGN FRUIT PROJECT

Our living quarters consisted of two tents, a quonset hut, and makeshift shower. The quonset hut was a survival from an old farm labor camp that housed Mexican nationals during the war. It contained a room that was used for a girls' dormitory and another room which was used for a kitchen, dining room, and meeting-place. Outside the dining-room door a table was set up, and dishes were washed in tubs on it. We slept on canvas cots, for the most part, and kept personal belongings in orange crates supplied to each camper. The campsite was on the edge of town, about two miles from the drying yard.

The camp was operated cooperatively and democratically. Each person took his turn at k.p. Each took his turn at washing dishes and in carrying in water to be heated on the stove, and in camp clean-up. Decisions regarding schedule and plans were reached, for the most part, by discussion and vote. Our daily schedule was finally arrived at by experimentation, and was as follows:

7:00 a.m.—Rise. (6:30 for k.p.'s) A short devotional led by one of the campers preceded breakfast.

7:30—Breakfast. Everyone helped clear the table.

8:10—Leave for work. One person stayed at camp to wash the breakfast dishes, clean up, do errands, and make lunch, under the direction of Mrs. Woodruff.

12:45 — Lunch, followed by dish-washing, odd jobs, and a rest period.

3:00—Worship and discussion, or recreation. Sometimes free time.

4:30—K.P.

5:30 — Dinner, followed by dish-washing.

6:45—Leave to cut fruit.

9:30 or later—(usually later) stop cutting fruit, clean up cutting shed, wash, put cars containing trays of cut fruit in sulphur houses, light sulphur.

The large place of worship in our schedule will be noted. This emphasis was not simply because this was a church camp; we felt that the work we were doing could in itself be both evangelism and worship. Nothing pleases God more than sincere service, and nothing brings us closer to Him, where worship should be natural, easy and spontaneous. By our actions we wanted to spread the message of Christ's love, and we recognized that we needed close communion with God if we were to be effective.

For green city kids the work was hard and we soon wore out. Most of us, moreover, were from cool cities near the Bay, and the Valley heat was hard for us. These things were special problems, but perhaps we learned through them something of what the farmer has to face.

There was a reason for our growing spirit: the community's response, our cordial welcome, and our final enthusiastic recommendation that the same sort of thing be continued on an enlarged scale next year. We feel it was the power of that Spirit which bids us serve all, loving God and our fellow man with all that is in us. It is when we are living sacrificially for the sake of humanity, that others will receive us, feed us, meet our needs and consider our requests. It is then that we have power over people — God's power, though, not our own. To the degree we lived in this spirit we had power.

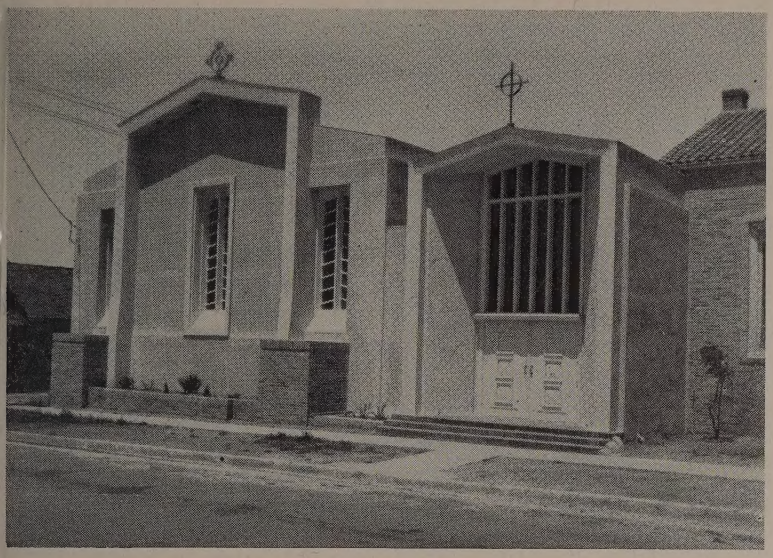
—H. Raymond Woodruff.

LAYMEN IN THE SPOTLIGHT

A suggestion has come to the editor of The Pacific that there should be a monthly section of this paper corresponding to "Ministers and Churches on the Job," entitled "Laymen in the Spotlight."

O. B. Paulsen of Hayward, active layman in his own church, has occupied the pulpit on occasion. Sponsor of youth activities now. Busy school principal. Planning for new church and youth center. Hobby: church architecture and carving chancel fixtures. He has studied church sanctuaries in many communities, and in one church he carved and built pulpit, lectern, and chancel chairs.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB



Renovation of Rio Vista Church

RIO VISTA. The renovation of the church building, inside and outside, is now complete. This beautiful structure is now one of the finest church buildings in the Conference. Rev. John N. Bridges is the minister, and he will be glad to show visitors around the building. Pay a visit to Rio Vista on your way to or from Sacramento.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. A series of monthly "church night" meetings are being held by this fellowship. Speakers at the meetings in the near future will be Mr. Louie Fon, who has just returned from China, and Mr. Milton Louie, who will speak on the M.E.M. Conference held at Asilomar this summer. Dr. Yam-tong Hoh is pastor of this church.

MURPHYS. At a recent meeting of the church members it was decided to employ a full-time pastor for this historic church in the Sierra foothills. The town of Murphys is growing, and it is the feeling of the Congregationalists there that they should no longer be yoked with the church at Angels Camp on a part-time basis.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. Sunday morning services in English began the first Sunday in October. The young people of the church are planning a series of home meetings in the various districts of the parish. The church theme for the remainder of the year will be "Christianity must be earned." Rev. George Aki is minister of this church.

BIOLA. Rev. Jonathan Weber has accepted a call to the Ebenezer German Congregational Church of Portland, Oregon. The Biola church has called Rev. Chris E. Maedche of Lincoln, Nebraska.

LA SELVA BEACH. This is one of our newest church extension projects, with a Sunday School meeting in the community hall. A request has come to the Conference office for plans for a chapel, which is to be built by funds raised in the local community. La Selva Beach has been allocated to us by the Comity Commission.

LODI, EBENEZER. Rev. F. W. Gross, pastor of this church, announces the dedication of the new building on Sunday, November 21. Representatives of all the churches in the Conference are cordially invited to attend this celebration.

FRESNO, FIRST. Twenty-two new members were received at the World Wide Communion service on October 3. The Sunday Forum of the church will open its 26th year the first Sunday in October, with a series of 20 programs. The church has a new minister of music, formerly minister of music and Christian education at the Central Presbyterian Church of Merced. Bids on the new church building ranged from a low of $228,000 to a high of $269,000. The congregation has approved the signing of a contract with the low bidder as soon as the present buildings are sold, and negotiations are under way with several groups for the purchase of the present church and education units.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY. Rev. John Charles Mickle, Jr. announces the concert to be given by Carol Brice at the Oakland Auditorium theatre, Sunday, October 31, at 4 p.m. This concert will be given under the auspices of this church and tickets are available at Sherman & Clay in Oakland or the City of Paris in San Francisco.

AUBURN. Rev. William F. Keeney has been called to this church, and he began his service as minister on October first. Mr. and Mrs. Keeney and their family moved into the parsonage on September 27.

SACRAMENTO, OAK PARK. Plans are being made to organize this fellowship as a Congregational Church. Rev. Theodore R. Dunlap, the minister, now has an active program for all ages, and the meetings of the various groups are held in the homes of Oak Park people. The church services are held in the Odd Fellows hall at 2741 34th Street. The Genesis Club is conducting a service of sacred music at the Pioneer Congregational Church on October 17.

OAKLAND, FIRST. At the meeting of the Women's League interesting reports were given by delegates to the M.E.M. Conference at Asilomar and the Cazadero seminar conferences. An inspiring devotional was presented by Mrs. E. B. Kientz, president of the Federation of Congregational Women. A Christian Leadership training school, held for six Tuesday evenings in the church, has been well attended.

BERKELEY, FIRST. On September 12 the new Woolsey Memorial window in the chancel of the church was dedicated with an appropriate service. On September 19 the new Mabel Hill Redfield organ was dedicated. The newly erected chapel, at the corner of Dana and Durant, is almost completed and dedication services will be held in the near future.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. The new minister of this church, Rev. James Gordon Gilkey, Jr., has begun an active program to "transform this historic pulpit into an institutional church ministering seven days and nights a week to the people of San Francisco. Located downtown, this church is uniquely qualified to serve all the people of our city. We are eager to urge people to go to their own neighborhood churches, but on occasions when they are downtown or when special forums and services are taking place at First Church we want them to feel welcome." Four students of the Pacific School of Religion are now giving part-time service on the staff of this church.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Miss Mary Coxhead has recently returned from Europe, where she made an extended trip into Italy, Greece, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Germany, and England. Miss Coxhead visited the relief projects sponsored by the Congregational Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction and took 2000 feet of kodochrome movies. She will be happy to show these pictures in any local church in the Conference, with the understanding that a special offering be taken for CWVR.

PETALUMA. An interdenominational Leadership Training school is being held in this community. Leaders for this series will include Dr. D. G. Stewart, Dr. John W. Bowman, and Miss Mary Crozier of the San Francisco Theological Seminary. Rev. Herbert C. Gans of the Congregational Church has taken an active part in organizing this training school.

PESCADERO. Mr. Robert Crawford, who has been acting as minister of this church during the summer, announces the replacement of 17 broken windows in the church. A very successful vacation school was conducted here during the summer, as well as at La Honda, a nearby community. Mr. Crawford is leaving this church to take another position this month.

SANTA CRUZ. Rev. Heber S. Mahood relinquished his duties as minister of this church on September 30. He has given outstanding service to the church for 19 years and has been a distinguished leader in community affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Mahood will continue to live in Santa Cruz for a while.

SAN FRANCISCO, FOREST HILL. The Sunday School now has an enrollment of 50, with a staff of seven workers. A dinner for parents and friends of the project was held at the Canton Low Cafe on September 24. Negotiations are under way with St. John's E.&R. Church of San Francisco for a merger with that fellowship, with the possibility of a united work in the Forest Hill area in the near future.

BERKELEY, NORTH. The construction of the new social hall is advancing at a rapid rate. The roof and all siding have been completed, and plasterers will begin the exterior stucco work soon. It is hoped that the building will be completed by Christmas, though there is some delay in getting steel window frames.

PACIFIC GROVE. Miss Florence C. Malcolm of Chilesso, Africa, gave an address before a special meeting of the Mayflower Women's Association on October 5. She stressed the work of Dr. Mary Cushman and emphasized the importance of "Our Christian World Mission" in supporting the program of the American Board.

ORINDA. Bids for the second unit of the church have been called for, and a ground-breaking ceremony will be held soon. The unit will be divided into two large rooms and will be used for Sunday School work and social gatherings. It is hoped that it will be completed before Christmas.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO. Rev. Robert W. Moon returned to San Francisco on September 19 from a trip to Europe. Mr. Moon accompanied a group of California ministers who made a special study of conditions across the Atlantic. He also attended the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. The 99th anniversary of the founding of this historic church was celebrated on September 17. Miss Helen Kenyon was the principal speaker on this occasion. Rally Day was held on September 26. Motion pictures were taken of the Sunday School classes.

Rev. Albert F. King Ordained In Oregon

The friends of Rev. Albert F. King, formerly of the Salida church in this Conference, will be interested to know that Mr. King was ordained at Beaverton, Oregon, on September 30. Recognition was given to Mr. King by the West Willamette Association, of which the Beaverton church is a member. This Association includes 16 churches in the Portland area, and eight ministers of the Northern California Conference were invited to attend. The main address was given by Dr. Frank E. Carlson of the Pacific School of Religion.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Mrs. Ralph D. Hyslop, Correspondent

WE LOOK AHEAD

A personal greeting from our Moderator: "To the women of Northern California, hail and farewell. I've thoroughly enjoyed these crowded ten days when I've met many of you in the eight regional meetings we've been having, and renewed the friendships begun a year ago. Once again I shall be quoting California across the country. I shall tell them of your many new communities, as yet unchurched until we, the Christian people everywhere, help get Christian churches started. I shall tell them of the young people I met and heard about, dedicating themselves to full-time Christian service. I shall tell them of our meetings, men and women together, facing up seriously to these great Christian opportunities. No faint hearts in California that I saw!

"Together we listened to the Call to spread the Evangel, the heart of Our Christian World Mission, and we accepted the Call.

"And you, the women, had your definite plans made for your Unseen Guests meals, and yet you agreed just as enthusiastically to help put through the further effort of a special Thanksgiving Offering, on November 21 or some earlier Sunday. You realized that both of these "extras" are so absolutely necessary to complete in 1948 the Increased Apportionment Giving side of the Postwar Emergency Program for the "upbuilding of churches at home and abroad"—the imperative, as it has been called, of Our Christian World Mission.

"Have you had your 'Unseen Guest' party yet? If not, please do so right soon. Have you all been listening to Ronald Bridges and me on that joint record we made? Has your church sent yet for its free gift of that record? Don't I, even in my letter to you, sound just as I did at the eight meetings? Well, 'the hours is late, but not too late,' and, now, as in October and November, you do these things and show the charts for Our Christian World Mission, don't forget that December will have the special offering for the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction.

"Yes, all these things are necessary for 1948 to end up as a Victory Year. I'll be telling the rest of the country, "Watch California." You've sent me on my way confident that we Christian people will measure up to our Christian mission, and I thank you. Heartiest greetings to you all from your friend and colleague,

Helen Kenyon."

It was a great privilege to have Miss Kenyon with us at the fall rallies. She told us of the Moderator's Cross which was handed over to her by Dr. Albert Palmer at Oberlin. This cross was carved of pear wood by a brother of Anton Lang, the Christus of Oberammergau, who is now living in Chicago. The Latin quotation given her by Dr. Palmer in the presentation is translated, "If you carry the Cross, the Cross will carry you."

In this connection, it was interesting to hear from Dr. Ronald Bridges at one of the rallies about the discussion at the World Council meetings at Amsterdam on the place of women in the church. The final decision for a Commission on Women as an integral part of the World Council was largely due to the strong backing of the Congregational Christian body. Many of the churches represented believe that women should hold only a subordinate place, and our denomination was the only one that had a woman at its head.

I hope that most of you did have the chance to hear Miss Kenyon at your meetings. She is so able at transferring her enthusiasm and courage for the difficult but essential job ahead. As you all know, the Postwar Emergency Program must be completed by December 31 and Our Christian World Mission launched, toward which all our giving will then be concentrated. Miss Kenyon emphasized at the rallies the great advantage of the new forward movement, in having a single object: the great need at home and abroad. Both of these money-raising jobs must be talked up constantly among all the women of your church. If you could not attend a rally, here are some facts and ideas that may help you:

We are being asked, first of all, to wind up the Postwar Emergency Program successfully. The three-year goal for this is way behind and means for California that we must raise by December 31 $63,000 toward Increased Apportionment and $26,000 for CWVR. To help raise this money, we can all (1) approach people for special gifts, (2) use all the educational materials in our programs, mentioned later in this column, and (3) support two special offerings to be held in our churches. The first of these is a Thank Offering at Thanksgiving time. This will apply toward Increased Apportionment. It has been gifts to this part of the program which have made possible such projects as Morning Star VI and the replacement of personal belongings of 137 of our missionaries. If we do not raise this money, the many young people waiting to go into the mission field will still not be able to go and the 205 new churches needed will still not be built.

The second offering will be at Christmas time for CWVR. The theme for this will be the needy children of the world. Rev. Ralph V. Conard told of a fortunate English nursery school child who prayed, "Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in Devon." Our offerings and prayers can go to make that prayer a realization all over the world.

It was suggested to us by Mr. Ralph Anderson of Eden Congregational Church, Hayward, that we would find it easier to give if we could only hold a mirror up to ourselves to see how very prosperous we are, and how great is the need. Unless we have actually seen the dsperate conditions abroad it is hard to remember how well off we are.

SPECIFIC HELPS TO YOU AND YOUR CHURCH

"Letter from China" — a 16 mm. sound movie.

Film strip on Puerto Rico, with sound attachment.

Record with message from Helen Kenyon and Ronald Bridges.

Moving pictures taken abroad by Mary Coxhead.

Pictographs and charts showing where and how the money goes.

Letter from Dr. Coe, which your minister should have, expressing the still desperate need abroad.

Information about using any of these may be obtained from either Mr. Meyer's office in Berkeley or the San Francisco office.

NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT, MRS. E. B. KIENTZ

Miss Helen Kenyon wished to express her joy at being able to attend many of the district meetings. Coming up from Fresno with Dr. Buckham and Mr. Conard, she was thrilled to visit the new project at Modesto. Although Rev. and Mrs. Elmo Wolfe were just moving into the parsonage there, they entertained them at lunch and had such a good time.

In Stockton, Miss Kenyon spent the night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Kientz. Mrs. Kientz entertained in her honor at luncheon. Among those present was Miss Blossom May Chang of Honolulu, who had placed a lei around Miss Kenyon's neck at the General Council meeting at Oberlin when she became Moderator.

In response to invitations sent to some of the Federation officers by the Women's Guild of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, four of our women attended their regional meeting at St. Mark's Church in Oakland, September 20. Mrs. Kientz, Mrs. Enman, Mrs. Haymond, and Miss Kenyon were given a most cordial welcome. Mrs. E. R. Corman of Pennsylvania, their national president, was there and made a fine presentation of literature prepared for them to use in carrying forward the work in all eight of their departments. Through their Christian Service department, they are going to send 10,000 layettes to Europe next year. Another interesting project being carried through this year is the sending of 2000 goats to Japan. They have already sent 1500.

The Federation president had the privilege of being guest at the September meeting of the Women's League of the First Church, Oakland. Two young people told of their happy experiences at summer camps at Cazadero, and Miss Hamma gave a very fine report of the M.E.M. Conference at Asilomar. Mrs. Kientz gave the closing devotional service, based on the chapel service at Asilomar given by the Rev. A. Ronald Minix.

Save October 23 for the Women's Luncheon at the State Conference meeting in San Mateo! It will be held at Masonic Hall from 12:30 to 3:00, and the cost is $1.25. The speaker will be the Rev. James Gordon Gilkey, Jr., new minister at First Church, San Francisco.

Please send registrations for the annual meeting of the Conference at San Mateo to 1164 Phelan Building at once.

Church Council Sunday

Sunday, October 31, is to be observed by the Protestant churches of this area as "Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches Sunday." Each local church of the denominations participating in the Council is being asked to take a special offering on that day for the work of the Council. Contributions should be sent to the Council office, 220 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco 2.

RELIEF WORK

More than 30 million pounds of relief and reconstruction supplies, valued at $9,500,000, have been shipped overseas during 1948 by Church World Service. This was announced by Dr. Leslie B. Moss, an official of the interdenominational agency through which the major Protestant and Orthodox churches in America channel their overseas relief and reconstruction activities. The shipments, during the eight months' period just ended, consisted chiefly of food, clothing, medicines, prefabricated churches and other buildings, religious literature, and other supplies to promote the physical, moral, and spiritual rehabilitation of millions of destitute and disillusioned people in 37 European and Asiatic nations.

NEOPHYTES

The Committee on Ministerial Standing met at the Pacific School of Religion on October 13 at 4 p.m. The meeting adjourned for supper at 6 and continued through the evening. Several candidates were examined for transfer of credentials from other denominations to the Congregational fellowship, and two were considered for ordination. Licenses were granted to a few unordained men. Rev. G. Arthur Casaday is chairman of the Committee.

COMING EVENTS

October 31 — "Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches Sunday."
November 11-12 — Foreign Missions Conference, Fresno.
November 16-17 — Foreign Missions Conference, San Francisco.
December 27-30—Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference, First Church, Berkeley.

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